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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS - EASTERN DIVISION

AFFIDAVIT OF INDICTMENT IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	MAGISTRATE	JUDGE	SCHENKIER
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS)	CASE NUMBER 08CR	4	57

The undersigned Affiant personally appeared before Sidney I. Schenkier, a United States Magistrate Judge, and being duly sworn on oath, states: That at Spokane, Washington (U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington), on or about January 23, 2008, one ELVEDIN BILANOVIC was charged with violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341, for the offense of mail fraud, Title 18, United States Code, Section 1342, for the offense of using fictitious names or addresses for the purpose of carrying on mail fraud, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349, for the offense of conspiracy to commit mail fraud; and that on the basis of Affiant's investigation and information received concerning the case through official channels, does hereby certify that an Arrest Warrant is outstanding for the arrest of said defendant (attached hereto).

Wherefore, Affiant prays that the defendant be dealt with according to law.

STEVE FARINA, Special Agent Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this

4th day of June, 2008.

Sidney I. Schenkier

United States Magistrate Judge

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WARRANT FOR ARREST

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Plaintiff (s)

Case Number: CR-08-10-EPS-

ELVEDIN BILANOVIC

Defendant (s)

The United States Marshal and any Authorized U.S. Officer To:

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and bring him or her forthwith to the nearest Magistrate Judge to enswer a(n) indictment charging him or her with violation of

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BY MONORABLE MAGISTRATE JUDGE CYNTHIA IMBROGNO

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT BASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff,

VB.

BRANO MILOVANOVIC, TONY GENE LAMB, ISMAIL HOT, MUHAMED KOVACIC, ELVEDIN BILANOVIC, and ALKSANDAR DIORDJEVIC,

Defendants.

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Vio: 18 U.S.C. §§ 1341 and 2 Mail Fraud (Counts 1-4)

> 18 U.S.C. § 1349 Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud (Count 5)

The Grand Jury Charges:

General Allegations

A. Individuals and Entities

- 1. The Washington State Department of Licensing ("DOL") is a state agency responsible for, among other thing, administering the licensing of drivers, vehicles, vessels, and various professionals in the State of Washington. Included in these responsibilities is the execution of regulatory testing for applicants seeking a commercial driver's license ("CDL"). The DOL's main office is located in Olympia, Washington, with smaller offices located throughout the State of Washington, including Spokane, Washington.
- 2. The Digimarc Corporation is an entity that is contracted with the DOL to manufacture CDLs on the DOL's behalf and to mail official Washington

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CDLs to successful applicants. The Digitosto Corporation is located in Lacey, Washington.

- 3. BRANO MILOVANOVIC is a bi-lingual English / Bosnian speaker who at all times relevant to this Indictment resided in Spokane, Washington.
- 4. TONY GENE LAMB was, at all time relevant to this Indictment, contracted with the State of Washington, and certified by the DOL, to administer driving skills test for CDL applicants. At all times relevant to this Indictment TONY GENE LAMB resided in Spokane, Washington.
- 5. ISMAIL HOT is a Bosnian speaker who, at all times relevant to this Indictment, resided in Chicago, Illinois.
- 6. MUHAMED KOVACIC is a Bosnian speaker who, at all times relevant to this Indictment, resided in Chicago, Illinois.
- 7. ELVEDIN BILANOVIC is a Bosnian speaker who, at all times relevant to this Indictment, resided in the Grand Rapids and Caledonia, Michigan areas.
- 8. ALEKSANDAR DIORDIEVIC is a Bosnian speaker who, at all times relevant to this Indictment, resided in the Chicago, Illinois and Griffin, Indiana areas.
- B. Background on Obtaining a Commercial Driver's License In Washington
- 9. To obtain a Commercial Driver's License ("CDL") in the State of Washington, an applicant must meet two requirements prior to being eligible to apply for a CDL. First, an applicant must be a resident of the State of Washington, although, at all times relevant to this Indictment, Washington only required a verbal declaration of residency, not actual documentation. Second, an applicant must have previously obtained a Washington personal drivers license ("PDL"). After meeting these two requirements, an applicant may take the CDL test.
- The CDL test consists of two parts -- a written exam and a skills test.
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The written exam (commonly referred to as the "knowledge test") is the first part of a CDL test. The written exam is administered by the Washington State Department of Licensing ("DOL") at a local DOL office. The written exam tests an applicant's knowledge of the rules and regulations for driving commercial vehicles. At all times relevant to this Indicament, an applicant not proficient in the English language was entitled to have an interpreter of his or her choosing present during the written exam to translate the exam into his or her native language.

11. If an applicant successfully passes the written exam, the applicant must then successfully pass the skills test (commonly referred to as the "driving test"). The skills test is administered by a third-party tester. According to the DOL's Commercial Driver Guide, the skills test, which is administered by a third-party tester, consists of three sections: (1) a pre-trip inspection; (2) a road test; and (3) a basic controls test. According to the DOL Guide, it normally takes "approximately an hour and a half to two hours to complete all three of these tests."

Third-Party Testers

- 12. While third-party testers are considered contractors with the State of Washington and are certified by the DOL to administer the skills test, they are not DOL employees and thus are subject to less oversight by the DOL.
- Log (form 520-321). In this log, a third-party tester is required to document the date the skills test was given, the start and end time of the test, the score received, and the name and drivers license number of the applicant. Once a month, the third-party testers either mail or fax their completed tester logs to DOL in Olympia, Washington. The mailing address is P.O. Box 9030, Olympia, Washington 98507.

Completed CDL Applications are Mailed to DOL in Olympia. WA

14. Upon successfully passing the CDL skills test, the third-party tester

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and the applicant complete and sign a document known as a "Skills Test Results" or Form DLE-520-320. This form indicates the applicant successfully completed the three sections of the skills test. An applicant then takes the completed DLE-520-320 Form to a local DOL office and, after paying the requisite fees, receives a temporary CDL. The completed CDL application is sent from the local DOL office via the U.S. Mails to the DOL in Olympia, Washington. Upon receipt in Olympia, the hard copies are electronically imaged by the Image Processing Unit and maintained by the DOL.

- 15. In addition, on approximately a daily basis completed CDL applications are scanned at the local DOL offices and the information is uploaded as a batch into a DOL database called the Driver Field System. This database provides the information to the Central Issuance System (CIS), which system is managed by Digimare Corporation. Digimare, which is located in Lacey, Washington, manufactures PDLs and CDLs for the State of Washington. After the licenses are manufactured, Digimarc mails the licenses via pre-sorted first class U.S. Mail, to the address listed on the license application.
- Spokane Addresses Where Multiple CDLs Have Been Mailed
- 16. According to the DOL records, during approximately the past 36 months, multiple CDLs have been issued and mailed to multiple individuals listing particular addresses in Spokene, Washington:

approximately 40 CDLs to individuals listing the address 6619 N. Leó, Spokane, Washington;

approximately 21 CDLs to individuals listing the address 6423 N. Altamont, Spokane, Washington;

approximately 6 CDLs to individuals listing the address 3626 N. Ralph Street, Spokane, Washington;

approximately 8 CDLs to individuals listing the address 727 W. Glass, Apt. 10, Spokane, Washington;

approximately 10 CDLs to individuals listing the address 3614 N. Ferrall, Spokane, Washington, and

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approximately 7 CDLs to individuals listing the address 3903 E. 35th Street, Spokane, Washington.

Purpose of the Scheme and Artifice

17. BRANO MILOVANOVIC, TONY GENE LAMB, ISMAIL HOT, MUHAMED KOVACIC, ELVEDIN BILANOVIC, and ALBKSANDAR DJORDJEVIC devised a scheme and artifice, in which the mails were caused to be used, to defraud and deceive the Washington Department of Licensing (DOL) by obtaining CDLs through materially false and fraudulent misrepresentations and omissions based on CDL applications supported by successful CDL written examinations that resulted from cheating on the exam, by signed Form DLE-520-320 reflecting the successful completion of a skills test when no such test was completed, and by using in-state addresses in Spokane, Washington when the applicant in fact resided out of state.

The Scheme and Artifice

- 18. It was part of the scheme and artifice that BRANO MILOVANOVIC, a Bosnian speaker, contacted other Bosnian-speaking individuals residing outside the State of Washington advising them that he could obtain a CDL for the individuals if they traveled to Spokane, Washington and paid him approximately \$2,500.
- 19. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that BRANO MILOVANOVIC acted as an interpreter for Bosnian-speaking applicants taking the CDL written exam and that BRANO MILOVANOVIC helped the applicants cheat on the exam by telling the individuals, or using hand signals to identify, the correct answers to the exam questions during the examination.
- 20. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that, once a applicant passed the written exam, BRANO MILOVANOVIC would contact TONY GENE LAMB, a third-party tester who maintained CDL testing logs, and paid him approximately \$200 to \$500 to falsify the skills test for the applicants.
- 21. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that TONY GENE INDICTMENT 5
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LAMB would either mail or fax his falsified CDL testing logs to the DOL in Olympia, Washington purportedly to remain in compliance with the DOL rules and regulations.

- . 22. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that every time TONY GENE LAMB tested Bosnian-speaking applicants arranged by BRANO MILOVANOVIC the skills test was falsified.
- 23. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that TONY GENE LAMB routinely noted in his CDL Tester Logs that the Bosnian-speaking applicants had taken the skills test twice, having failed the first time in an effort to make his logs appear legitimate to the DOL auditors.
- It was further part of the scheme and artifice that TONY GENE 24. LAMB was the third-party tester for ISMAIL HOT, a Bosnian-speaking applicant, and that, on or about September 27, 2006, TONY GENE LAMB and ISMAIL HOT completed and sign a document known as a "Skills Test Results" or Form DLE-520-320 indicating ISMAIL HOT successfully completed the three sections of the skills test when, in fact, the test was neither conducted nor successfully completed.
- It was further part of the scheme and artifice that BRANO MILOVANOVIC paid TONY GENE LAMB approximately \$200 to \$500 to falsify the skills test for ISMAIL HOT.
- It was further part of the scheme and artifice that, on or about October 26. 1, 2006, just prior to taking a return flight to Chicago, Illinois where ISMAIL HOT has lived since approximately 2001 and here he presently resides, ISMAIL. HOT told law enforcement officers that was originally from Bosnia-Herzegovina but was residing in the Chicago, Illinois area and that he had traveled to Spokane, Washington for a six-day visit with a Bosnian friend who lived at 3903 E. 35th Avenua in Spokane,
- It was further part of the scheme and artifice that, on or about INDICTMENT - 6 pRO1 32jh.jhb.wpd

September 28, 2006, in Spokane, Washington, ISMAIL HOT applied for and received a Washington State PDL, and that, on or about September 30, 2006, ISMAIL HOT applied for and received a temporary CDL after purportedly successfully completing the CLD written exam and skills test.

- 28. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that, on his applications for the PDL and the CDL, ISMAIL HOT listed his residence as being 3903 E. 35th Avenue, Spokane, Washington.
- 29. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that, on or about October 4. 2006, Digimare Corporation, on behalf of the DOL, mailed a permanent CDL in the name of ISMAIL HOT from Lacey, Washington to 3903 E. 35th Avenue, Spokane, Washington.
- 30. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that TONY GENE LAMB was the third-party tester for MUHAMED KOVACIC, a Bosnian-speaking applicant, and that, on or about September 27, 2006, TONY GENE LAMB and MUHAMED KOVACIC completed and sign a document known as a "Skills Test Results" or Form DLE-520-320 indicating MUHAMED KOVACIC successfully completed the three sections of the skills test when, in fact, the test was neither conducted nor successfully completed.
- 31. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that BRANO MILOVANOVIC paid TONY GENE LAMB approximately \$200 to \$500 to falsify the skills test for MUHAMED KOVACIC.
- 32. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that, on or about October 1, 2006, just prior to taking a return flight to Chicago. Illinois where MUHAMED KOVACIC has lived since approximately 2002 and here he presently resides, MUHAMED KOVACIC told law enforcement officers that was originally from Bosnia but was residing in the Chicago, Illinois area and that he had traveled to Spokane, Washington for a six-day visit with friends.
- 33. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that, on or about INDICTMENT 7

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September 26, 2006, in Spokane, Washington, MUHAMED KOVACIC applied and received a Washington State PDL, and that, on or about September 27, 2006, MUHAMED KOVACIC applied for and thereafter received a temporary CDL after purportedly successfully completing the CLD written exam and skills test.

- 34. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that, on his applications for the PDL and the CDL, MUHAMED KOVACIC listed his residence as being 3614 N. Ferrall, Spokane, Washington.
- 35. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that, on or about October 4, 2006, Digimarc Corporation, on behalf of the DOL, mailed a permanent CDL in the name of MUHAMED KOVACIC from Lacey, Washington to 3614 N. Ferrall, Spokane, Washington.
- 36. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that, on or about December 12, 2006, ELVEDIN BILANOVIC, a Bosnian-speaking CDL applicant, traveled from his residence in Michigan state, where he has maintained his residence since 2003, to Spokane, Washington to obtain a Washington CDL with BRANO MILOVANOVIC's assistance.
- 37. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that, on or about December 12, 2006, ELVEDIN BILANOVIC successfully passed the written CDL exam after BRANO MILOVANOVIC, who accompanied ELVEDIN BILANOVIC during the test, interpreted the exam and identified the correct answers for ELVEDIN BILANOVIC.
- 38. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that TONY GENE LAMB was the third-party tester for ELVEDIN BILANOVIC, and that, on or about December 14, 2006, TONY GENE LAMB and ELVEDIN BILANOVIC completed and sign a document known as a "Skills Test Results" or Form DLE-520-320 indicating ELVEDIN BILANOVIC successfully completed the three sections of the skills test when, in fact, the test was neither conducted nor successfully completed.

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- 40. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that, on or about December 14, 2006, in Spokane, Washington, ELVEDIN BILANOVIC applied for and thereafter received a temporary CDL, after purportedly successfully completing the CLD written exam and skills test.
- 41. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that, on his application for the CDL, ELVEDIN BILANOVIC listed his residence as being 6423 N. Altamont St., Spokane, Washington.
- 42. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that, on or about December 22, 2006, Digimarc Corporation, on behalf of the DOL, mailed a permanent CDL in the name of ELVEDIN BILANOVIC from Lacey, Washington to a mailing address of 6619 N. Lee, Spokane, Washington.
- 43. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that on or about January 8, 2007, ELVEDIN BILANOVIC submitted to the DOL a signed Driving Record Request form (DR-552-002) requesting that his driving records be mailed to EDO Trucking LLC in Caledonia, Michigan.
- 44. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that, on or about January 9, 2007, ALEKSANDAR DJORDJEVIC, a Bosnian-speaking CDL applicant, traveled from Michigan state, where he resided at the time, to Spokane. Washington to obtain a Washington CDL with BRANO MILOVANOVIC's assistance.
- 45. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that TONY GENE LAMB was the third-party tester for ALEKSANDAR DJORDJEVIC, and that, on or about January 11, 2007, TONY GENE LAMB and ALEKSANDAR DJORDJEVIC completed and sign a document known as a "Skills Test Results" or Form DLE-520-320 indicating ALEKSANDAR DJORDJEVIC successfully INDICTMENT 9

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conducted nor successfully completed.

- 46. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that BRANO MILOVANOVIC paid TONY GENE LAMB approximately \$200 to \$500 to falsify the skills test for ALEKSANDAR DJORDJEVIC.
- 47. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that, on or about January 11, 2007, in Spokane, Washington, ALEKSANDAR DJORDJEVIC applied for and thereafter received a temporary CDL, after purportedly successfully completing the CLD written exam and skills test.
- 48. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that, on his application for the CDL. ALEKSANDAR DIORDIEVIC listed his residence as being 727 W. Glass, No. 10, Spokane, Washington.
- 49. It was further part of the scheme and artifice that, on or about January 17, 2007, Digimarc Corporation, on behalf of the DOL, mailed a permanent CDL in the name of ALEKSANDAR DJORDJEVIC from Lacey, Washington to 727 W. Glass, No. 10, Spokane, Washington.

COUNT 1

The Grand Jury repeats and realleges Paragraphs 1-29 of this Indictment as if fully set forth herein,

On or about September 30, 2006, in the Eastern District of Washington, BRANO MILOVANOVIC, TONY GENE LAMB, and ISMAIL HOT, for the purpose of executing the aforesaid scheme and artifice to defraud and attempting to so do, did knowingly and with intent to defraud cause to be transmitted in the United States mail on or about October 4, 2006, an official Washington State commercial driver's license from Digimarc Corporation in Lacey, Washington to ISMAIL HOT at 3903 E. 35th Avenue, Spokene, Washington, based on materially false and fraudulent misrepresentations and omissions, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1341 and 2.

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COUNT 2

The Grand Jury repeats and realleges Paragraphs 1-23 and 30-35 of this Indictment as if fully set forth herein.

On or about September 27, 2006, in the Eastern District of Washington, BRANO MILOVANOVIC, TONY GENE LAMB, and MUHAMED KOVACIC, for the purpose of executing the aforesaid scheme and artifice to defraud and attempting to so do, did knowingly and with the intent to defraud cause to be transmitted in the United States mail on or about October 4, 2006, an official Washington State commercial driver's license from Digimarc Corporation in Lacey, Washington to MUHAMED KOVACIC at 3614 N. Ferrail, Spokane, Washington, based on materially false and fraudulent misrepresentations and omissions, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1341 and 2.

COUNT 3

The Grand Jury repeats and realleges Paragraphs 1-23 and 36-43 of this Indictment as if fully set forth herein.

On or about December 14, 2006, in the Eastern District of Washington, BRANO MILOVANOVIC, TONY GENE LAMB, and ELVEDIN BILANOVIC, for the purpose of executing the aforesaid scheme and artifice to defraud and attempting to so do, did knowingly and with the intent to defraud cause to be transmitted in the United States mail on or about December 22, 2006, an official Washington State commercial driver's license from Digimarc Corporation in Lacey, Washington to ELVEDIN BILANOVIC at 6619 N. Lee, Spokane Washington, based on materially false and fraudulent misrepresentations and omissions, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1341 and 2.

COUNT 4

The Grand Jury repeats and realleges Paragraphs 1-23 and 44-49 of this Indictment as if fully set forth herein.

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BRANO MILOVANOVIC, TONY GENE LAMB, and ALEKSANDAR DJORDJEVIC, for the purpose of executing the aforesaid scheme and artifice to defraud and attempting to so do, did knowingly and with the intent to defraud cause to be transmitted in the United States mail on or about January 17, 2007, an official Washington State commercial driver's license from Digimarc Corporation in Lacey, Washington to ALEKSANDAR DJORDJEVIC at 727 W. Glass, No. 10. Spokane, Washington, based on materially false and fraudulent misrepresentations

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and omissions, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1341 and 2

The Grand Jury repeats and realleges Paragraphs 1-16 of this Indictment as if fully set forth herein.

Beginning on a date unknown to the Grand Jury but by no later than on or about September 24, 2006, and continuing until on or about January 17, 2007, in the Eastern District of Washington, BRANO MILOVANOVIC, TONY GENE LAMB, ISMAIL HOT, MUHAMED KOVACIC, ELVEDIN BILANOVIC, and ALEKSANDAR DIORDJEVIC did knowingly combine, conspire, confederate and agreed together and with each other, to commit offenses against the United States, to wit: mail fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1341, by executing a scheme and artifice, in which the mails were caused to be used, to defraud and deceive the DOL by obtaining CDLs through materially false and fraudulent misrepresentations and omissions in CDL applications.

Manner and Means of the Conspiracy

BRANO MILOVANOVIC, TONY GENE LAMB, ISMAIL HOT, MUHAMED KOVACIC, ELVEDIN BILANOVIC, and ALBKSANDAR DJORDJEVIC knowingly and with the intent to defraud caused CDL applications to be submitted to the DOL, which applications were supported by successful CDL written examinations that resulted from cheating on the exam, by signed form DLE-520-320 reflecting the successful completion of a skills test when no such INDICTMENT - 12

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